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BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of John Lowry III, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 49 public bills, H.R. 1686, 5, 1704–1750; 2 private bills, H.R. 1751–1752; and 9 resolutions, H. Res. 220–228, were introduced. **Pages H2714–17**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2719–20**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Soto to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2683**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:52 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H2689**

Suspension: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Acknowledging that the lack of sunlight and transparency in financial transactions and corporate formation poses a threat to our national security and our economy's security and supporting efforts to close related loopholes: H. Res. 206, amended, acknowledging that the lack of sunlight and transparency in financial transactions and corporate formation poses a threat to our national security and our economy's security and supporting efforts to close related loopholes; **Pages H2697–H2701**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "Acknowledging that the lack of sunlight and transparency in financial transactions poses a threat to our national security and our economy's security and supporting efforts to close related loopholes."

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Expressing the sense of Congress that the report of Special Counsel Mueller should be made available to the public and to Congress—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 208, providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 24) expressing the sense of Congress that the report of Special Counsel Mueller should be made available to the public and to Con-

gress, by a yea-and-nay vote of 233 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 124, after the previous question was ordered without objection. **Pages H2690–97, H2701–02**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, March 14th. **Page H2702**

United States Holocaust Memorial Council—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council: Representatives Zeldin and Kustoff (TN).

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British-American Interparliamentary Group—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the British-American Interparliamentary Group: Representative Holding. **Page H2705**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on pages H2701–02. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

Committee Meetings

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held an oversight hearing on the General Services Administration. Testimony was heard from Emily W. Murphy, Administrator, General Services Administration.

STAKEHOLDER PERSPECTIVES: BUILDING RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled "Stakeholder Perspectives: Building Resilient Communities". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND ENFORCEMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Gun Violence Prevention and Enforcement”. Testimony was heard from Thomas E. Brandon, Deputy Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Department of Justice; and Christine Halvorsen, Acting Assistant Director for Criminal Justice Information Services, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Inspector General. Testimony was heard from Michael J. Missal, Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs.

SECURING FEDERAL NETWORKS AND STATE ELECTION SYSTEMS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Department of Homeland Security held a hearing entitled “Securing Federal Networks and State Election Systems”. Testimony was heard from Christopher Krebs, Director, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Health and Human Services. Testimony was heard from Alex Azar, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

NATIONAL SECURITY CHALLENGES AND U.S. MILITARY ACTIVITY IN EUROPE

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “National Security Challenges and U.S. Military Activity in Europe”. Testimony was heard from General Curtis M. Scaparrotti, U.S. Army, Commander, U.S. European Command; and Kathryn Wheelbarger, Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs, Department of Defense.

FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET REQUEST FOR U.S. CYBER COMMAND AND OPERATIONS IN CYBERSPACE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Intelligence and Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a hearing entitled “Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Request

for U.S. Cyber Command and Operations in Cyberspace”. Testimony was heard from Kenneth P. Rapuano, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense and Global Security, Principal Cyber Advisor, Department of Defense; and General Paul M. Nakasone, U.S. Army, Commander, U.S. Cyber Command, and Director, National Security Agency.

ENSURING RESILIENCY OF MILITARY INSTALLATIONS AND OPERATIONS IN RESPONSE TO CLIMATE CHANGES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing entitled “Ensuring Resiliency of Military Installations and Operations in Response to Climate Changes”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE COST OF COLLEGE: STUDENT CENTERED REFORMS TO BRING HIGHER EDUCATION WITHIN REACH

Committee on Education and Labor: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Cost of College: Student Centered Reforms to Bring Higher Education Within Reach”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LOWERING THE COST OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS: REDUCING BARRIERS TO MARKET COMPETITION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Lowering the Cost of Prescription Drugs: Reducing Barriers to Market Competition”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISMANAGING CHEMICAL RISKS: EPA’S FAILURE TO PROTECT WORKERS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change held a hearing entitled “Mismanaging Chemical Risks: EPA’s Failure to Protect Workers”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PREPARING FOR THE STORM: REAUTHORIZATION OF THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Preparing for the Storm: Reauthorization of the National Flood Insurance Program”. Testimony was heard from Chairman Pallone, and Representatives Duffy, Graves of Louisiana, Luetkemeyer, Pascrell, and Scalise; and public witnesses.

**PROMOTING CORPORATE TRANSPARENCY:
EXAMINING LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS TO
DETECT AND DETER FINANCIAL CRIME**

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on National Security, International Development, and Monetary Policy held a hearing entitled “Promoting Corporate Transparency: Examining Legislative Proposals to Detect and Deter Financial Crime”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**NATO AT 70: AN INDISPENSABLE
ALLIANCE**

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “NATO at 70: An Indispensable Alliance”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 1004, the “Prohibiting Unauthorized Military Action in Venezuela Act”. Testimony was heard from Representative Cicilline and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1232, the “Rescinding DHS’ Waiver Authority for Border Wall Act”; H.R. 1433, the “DHS MORALE Act”; H.R. 1589, the “CBRN Intelligence and Information Sharing Act of 2019”; H.R. 1590, the “Terrorist and Foreign Fighter Travel Exercise Act of 2019”; H.R. 1593, the “CLASS Act of 2019”; H.R. 1598, the “U.S. Customs and Border Protection Rural and Remote Hiring and Retention Strategy Act of 2019”; and H.R. 1639, the “CBP Workload Staffing Model Act”. H.R. 1639, H.R. 1593, H.R. 1598, H.R. 1589, and H.R. 1433 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 1232 and H.R. 1590 were ordered reported, without amendment.

**IMPROVING THE FEDERAL RESPONSE:
PERSPECTIVES ON THE STATE OF
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response and Recovery held a hearing entitled “Improving the Federal Response: Perspectives on the State of Emergency Management”. Testimony was heard from Major Louis V. Bucchere, Commanding Officer, Emergency Management Section, State Police, New Jersey; Martin Senterfitt, Fire Deputy Chief, and Director of Emergency Management, Monroe County, Florida; James Waters, Chief, Counterterrorism, New York Police Department; and a public witness.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1585, the “Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2019”. H.R. 1585 was ordered reported, as amended.

**FORGOTTEN VOICES: THE INADEQUATE
REVIEW AND IMPROPER ALTERATION OF
OUR NATIONAL MONUMENTS**

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Forgotten Voices: The Inadequate Review and Improper Alteration of Our National Monuments”. Testimony was heard from Edwin Roberson, Utah State Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Kathleen Clarke, Director, Public Lands Coordinating Office, Utah; Leland Pollock, Commission Chairperson, Garfield County, Utah; and public witnesses.

**FOIA: EXAMINING TRANSPARENCY
UNDER THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION**

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “FOIA: Examining Transparency Under the Trump Administration”. Testimony was heard from Melanie Ann Pustay, Director, Office of Information Policy, Department of Justice; Rachel Spector, Acting Deputy Chief Freedom of Information Act Officer, Department of the Interior; and Tim Epp, Acting Director, National Freedom of Information Act Office, Environmental Protection Agency.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties; and Subcommittee on Government Operations held a joint hearing on H.R. 1076, the “Fair Chance to Compete for Jobs Act”. Testimony was heard from Representative Collins of Georgia, Senator Booker, Senator Johnson; and public witnesses.

**AMERICA IN SPACE: FUTURE VISIONS,
CURRENT ISSUES**

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “America in Space: Future Visions, Current Issues”. Testimony was heard from Ellen Stofan, John and Adrienne Mars Director, Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum; and public witnesses.

**FLIPPING THE SWITCH ON RURAL
DIGITAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Flipping the Switch on Rural Digital Entrepreneurship”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ALIGNING FEDERAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION POLICY TO MEET 21ST CENTURY NEEDS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing entitled “Aligning Federal Surface Transportation Policy to Meet 21st Century Needs”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PROTECTING AND IMPROVING SOCIAL SECURITY: BENEFIT ENHANCEMENTS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing entitled “Protecting and Improving Social Security: Benefit Enhancements”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D245)

S. 47, to provide for the management of the natural resources of the United States. Signed on March 12, 2019. (Public Law 116–9)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2019

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine the Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and other emerging health threats, 10 a.m., SD–124.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the Department of Defense budget posture in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2020 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine Financial Stability Oversight Council nonbank designations, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine opportunities to improve access, infrastructure, and permitting for outdoor recreation, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2020

for the Department of Health and Human Services, 10:15 a.m., SD–215.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2020 for the Department of the Treasury, 1:30 p.m., SD–215.

Select Committee on Intelligence: closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH–219.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, hearing entitled “Department of the Air Force Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Request for Seapower and Projection Forces”, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Members Day Hearing: Committee on Education and Labor”, 9 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce, hearing entitled “Enhancing Vehicle Technology to Prevent Drunk Driving”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Investor Protection, Entrepreneurship, and Capital Markets, hearing entitled “Putting Investors First? Examining the SEC’s Best Interest Rule”, 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 920, the “Venezuela Arms Restriction Act”; H.R. 854, the “Humanitarian Assistance to the Venezuelan People Act of 2019”; and H.R. 1477, to assess and mitigate threats posed by Russian-Venezuelan security cooperation and for other purposes, 9:45 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 920, the “Venezuela Arms Restriction Act”; H.R. 854, the “Humanitarian Assistance to the Venezuelan People Act of 2019”; and H.R. 1477, to assess and mitigate threats posed by Russian-Venezuelan security cooperation and for other purposes, 9:45 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship, business meeting on Request for a DHS Departmental Report on the Beneficiaries of H.R. 1547, 11:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States, hearing entitled “Unmasking the Hidden Crisis of Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women (MMIW): Exploring Solutions to End the Cycle of Violence”, 9 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Hearing with Commerce Secretary Wilbur L. Ross, Jr.”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The President’s Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Proposal with U.S. Secretary of the Treasury Steven Mnuchin”, 9 a.m., 1100 Longworth.